TREES FOR CHARLESTOWN

Have you noticed the new trees that have been planted in your neighborhood? Yours is one of the many Charlestown neighborhoods whose streets will be lined with trees as part of the Charlestown Urban Renewal Project.

This pamphlet describes the six varieties of trees that have been planted along your streets and has a map showing their exact location. These particular trees were chosen because they will grow well and look good in your community.

Trees are growing, living things, reflecting all the changes of the seasons—bursting into bud in the spring, cooling hot summer streets, coloring the fall in red, yellow, and brown leaves, and outlining the winter sky with their bare branches. These trees are yours to enjoy and yours to care for, perhaps to water in the dry summer months.

Trees planted on your street today will be a legacy for the future of Charlestown. In years to come your children's children may play under these same spreading trees.

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NORWAY MAPLE

A famous American ornamental tree, giving a great deal of shade. Norway Maples are used at all the new narrow-ended streets to give screening and privacy to the block.

HONEY LOCUST

A light, open tree used on the interior portions of the narrow-ended blocks. Fine-foliaged, the Locust lets in light and allows views of the sky. Yellow flowers brighten summer days. Handsome twisted seed pods develop which have a sweet nectar, which is why the tree is called Honey Locust.

GREEN ASH

Ash wood is used to make baseball bats and other sporting equipment. In Charlestown, Green Ash trees are used on some through streets. Children have always been fascinated with their winged seeds which twirl to the ground like tiny helicopters.

LITTLE LEAF LINDEN

This handsome shade tree with heart-shaped leaves is used on some through streets. The yellow flowers perfume the air on warm summer nights. The bottom of Linden leaves are silvery, so that the slightest breeze creates a shimmery effect.

GINKGO

A unique tree, probably the oldest known type of tree. Strong, majestic, and tall, with bright yellow fall colors, the Gingkos add a dignified character to Bartlett Street.

HAWTHORNE

These flowering trees are used by the Warren and Prescott School to add a spot of color in the spring. In addition, the Hawthorne, with its red berries, provides food and shelter for many songbirds.

STREET TREE SYMBOLS

- Norway Maple
- Honey Locust
- Ginkgo
- Little Leaf Linden
- Green Ash
- Hawthorne
- Existing Trees

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